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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session.

2. Election of the Chairman of the Executive Board.

3. Election of the first, second, third and fourth Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Board.

4. Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Programme Committee.

5. Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Administration and Finance.

6. Election of the UNICEF representation on the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy.

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* The organizational session - I of the Executive Board, with its composition as at 1 August 1990, is for the sole purpose of electing officers of the Board for the period 1 August 1990 to 31 July 1991. An information note prepared as background for the session will be issued as E/ICEF/1990/L.19.

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INFORMATION NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

INTRODUCTION

1. This information note has been prepared as background for the organizational session of the Executive Board for the year 1 August 1990 to 31 July 1991. Under the Board's rules of procedure (E/ICEF/177/Rev.5, rule 12), the organizational session of the Board to elect officers for the Board year beginning 1 August shall take place following its regular Board session, and after the session of the Economic and Social Council, which holds elections for new Board members. This year's organizational session is scheduled for 7 June 1990 at United Nations Headquarters and will also elect the representatives of the Board to the UNICEF/World Health Organization (WHO) Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP). The provisional agenda for this meeting is contained in document E/ICEF/1990/L.18.

2. Participants at the organizational session will be members who will constitute the Executive Board as at 1 August (see paras. 8 and 9 below). The term of office of the Board and Committee chairmen is one year. Rule 12 of the rules of procedure (E/ICEF/177/Rev.5) states:

> "... The Chairman of the Board and the Chairmen of the Programme Committee and the Committee on Administration and Finance shall not, apart from exceptional cases as decided by the Board, be re-elected for a consecutive term. Other officers of the Board shall be eligible for re-election, taking into account the desirability of reasonable rotation."

Composition

3. The nine officers of the Executive Board are:

Chairman	Vice-Chairmen
	First
	Second
	Third
	Fourth

Programme Committee	Committee on Administration and Finance
Chairman	Chairman
Vice-Chairman	Vice-Chairman

Criteria

4. The only formal criteria for the election of officers of the Executive Board are found in the rules of procedure (see para. 2 above).

5. Over the years unwritten conventions concerning elections have developed, which are generally followed:

(a) In the election of its Chairman, the Board follows three main guidelines: (i) the Chairman should be a person who has had experience in the work of the Board through prior service on the Bureau; (ii) there should be a rotation of the chairmanship between members from developing and industrialized countries; and (iii) geographical regions should be represented in an equitable manner (E/ICEF/651, para. 202);

(b) Among the Board officers there should be reasonable balance between donor and recipient nations and among the five regional groups (Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Europe and others);

(c) When the Chairman is from a developing country, the First Vice-Chairman is usually from an industrialized country and vice versa. The same tradition applies for the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the committees;

(d) The Chairmen of the two Committees usually consist of one from an industrialized country and one from a developing country;

(e) Permanent members of the Security Council do not serve as officers.

6. These conventions are regarded as Board traditions. In addition, three other factors concerning the composition of the Bureau are considered desirable: (a) that women be represented; (b) that some of the officers be based in New York; and (c) that the Nordic countries are usually represented to reflect the scale of their financial contributions.

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Process

7. It is customary that the outgoing Bureau members, under the leadership of the Chairman, informally discuss the composition of the next Bureau with interested candidates and regional groups in order to facilitate a consensus.

I. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP, 1 AUGUST 1990-31 JULY 1991

8. On 23 May 1990, the Economic and Social Council, at the 11th meeting of its first regular session of 1990, elected the following members to the UNICEF Executive Board: Denmark, German Democratic Republic, India,* Indonesia,* Liberia,* Sierra Leone, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland* and Uruguay.* Outgoing members were: Australia, Belgium, Benin, Philippines and Yugoslavia.

9. Taking into account the newly elected members, the composition of the Executive Board for the period 1 August 1990 to 31 July 1991 is as follows:

Term of office expiring on

31 July 1991	31 July 1992	31 July 1993
Bangladesh	Barbados	Denmark
Bolivia	Canada	German Democratic Republic
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	China	India*
Cameroon	Finland	Indonesia*
Egypt	Germany, Federal Republic of	Liberia*
France	Netherlands	Sierra Leone
Italy	Peru	Spain
Japan	Poland	Sri Lanka
Mexico	Thailand	Switzerland*
Nicaragua	Zimbabwe	Uruguay*
Nigeria		
Oman		
Pakistan		
Republic of Korea		
Sao Tome and Principe		
Sudan		
Sweden		
Uganda		
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		
United States of America		

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* Re-elected.

II. OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1 AUGUST 1989-31 JULY 1990

10. For the year ending 31 July 1990, the officers of the Executive Board, by name, are as follows:

Chairman: Mrs. Margarita Dieguez (Mexico)

First Vice-Chairman: Mrs. Lisbet Palme (Sweden)

Second Vice-Chairman: H.E. Mr. Stanislaw Trepczynski (Poland)

Third Vice-Chairman: Dr. Suyono Yahya (Indonesia)

Fourth Vice-Chairman: H.E. Mr. Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon)

III. PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

11. The Programme Committee is constituted as a committee of the whole. For the year ending 31 July 1990, the Board elected Mr. Frank Majoor (Netherlands) as Chairman of the Programme Committee and Mr. Gabriel Vidart (Uruguay) as Vice-Chairman.

IV. COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

12. The Committee on Administration and Finance is constituted as a committee of the whole. For the year ending 31 July 1990, the Board elected Dr. Hoda Badran (Egypt) as Chairman of the Committee on Administration and Finance and Mr. Takeshi Kagami (Japan) as Vice-Chairman.

V. UNICEF/WHO JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

13. JCHP will meet at Geneva from 28 to 30 January 1991 and its report will be submitted to the Executive Board at its 1991 session. There are six UNICEF Board representatives to JCHP: the Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the Programme Committee, who are representatives ex officio, and four representatives, elected in their personal capacity. In addition, two alternates to JCHP will be elected.

14. For the 1989 session of JCHP, the elected UNICEF representatives were: the Chairman of the Board, Ms. Torild Skard (Norway); the Chairman of the Programme Committee, Mrs. Margarita Dieguez (Mexico); Mr. Richard Akplogan (Benin); Dr. Suyono Yahya (Indonesia); Professor Ihsan Dogramaci (Turkey) and Mrs. Linda Vogel (United States of America). Mr. Gabriel Fernandez (Liberia) and Mrs. Immita Cornaz (Switzerland) were elected as alternates.

15. The Board has decided that representatives may not serve for more than two terms consecutively, unless they become ex officio representatives. Therefore, Mrs. Immita Cornaz (Switzerland) and Mrs. Linda Vogel (United States of America) are not eligible for re-election.